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H.C.R. 78

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INCLUDE IN THE 2017-2018 SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM REQUEST IMPROVEMENTS TO CRUISE SHIP PASSENGER TERMINALS AT NAWILIWILI HARBOR IN KAUAI, HONOLULU HARBOR IN OAHU, KAHULUI HARBOR IN MAUI, AND HILO HARBOR IN HAWAII.

House Committee on Finance

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** this resolution.

The DOT supports funding improvements to cruise ship passenger terminals at Nawiliwili Harbor in Kauai, Honolulu Harbor in Oahu, Kahului Harbor in Maui, and Hilo Harbor in Hawaii for inclusion into the 2017-2018 Supplemental Capital Improvement Program. DOT has experience with improving Honolulu Harbor's Pier 2 Passenger Terminal, with award winning designs that promote heritage tourism and original Hawaii artwork in collaboration with the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

HCR 78 is consistent with the DOT's effort to support the Hawaii Tourism Authority with its funding of an existing position to create a uniform ship visitor experience at each port of call. The DOT is working in partnership the Hawaii Tourism Authority to enhance the passenger experience and tourism brand.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.